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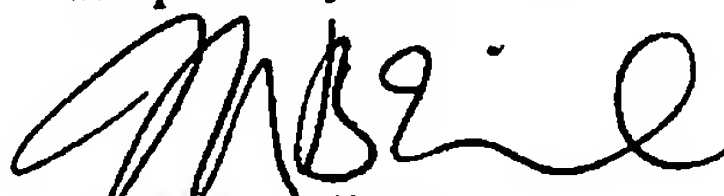
Applicants submit this status inquiry and hereby request an update regarding the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-captioned application. This application was filed on September 30, 2003, and the file history of this application on PAIR indicates that it was docketed to the Examiner on May 4, 2004. Further, Applicant's representative, Mark B. Wilson, contacted the Examiner by phone on or about July 20, 2005, to inquire about the status of this application. During that telephone conference, the Examiner indicated that a first Office Action would be forthcoming in approximately six months; however no action on the merits has been

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received as of the date of this paper. Applicants therefore request confirmation of the status of this application and an indication of when a first Office Action will be issued.

No fees are believed due in connection with this filing. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 50-1212/KEGB:003US.

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